



Year 4 Curriculum Overview



Spring 1 - Rivers

English

Explanations – the children will listen to, read and discuss a range of explanation texts. They will analyse texts, picking out the key features and the type of language used. How paragraphs are used in explanations will also be a focus of this unit.

Poems on a theme – the children will analyse different forms of poetry including limericks and haiku. They will discuss and collect effective words that they could use in their own work. They will perform poems and be able to explain key vocabulary in them.

Although no specific narrative unit will be taught this half term, the class will read **Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson**. This is about a small girl's journey down the Amazon river.

Physical Education

Gymnastics – balance and rolling.

Net / wall games - The children will be working on skills such as throwing a ball under and overarm, holding a racket correctly and maintaining a rally.

French

In **French** the children will be extending their vocabulary linked to family members. They will also learn about personal pronouns.

Music

The Lancashire music service will deliver a weekly music lesson.

Science, Geography, History, Art, D&T and Computing

- **Science:** The children will be looking at sound and identifying how sounds are made. This will be done by looking at a range of different musical instruments. They will also look at how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed.
- **Geography:** The children will be finding out about the features of rivers. Using maps and atlases, they will locate rivers around the world. They will also learn about the water cycle.
- **Computing:** Repetition in shapes – the children will learn how to create programs by planning, modifying and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.
- **Art** – the children will be looking at painting this half term. They will be looking at how different artists create water effects in their work.

Mathematics

- The children will focus on **place value, multiplication and division and fractions**. They will:
- Round numbers with 4 digits to the nearest 1000
- Compare and order numbers with ones, tenths and hundredths.
- Identify the value of digits in numbers with up to 2 decimal places.
- Use partitioning to multiply a 3-digit number by a single digit.
- Divide 2 and 3-digit numbers by a single digit using the chunking method.
- Use the inverse operation to check calculations.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, crossing the ones boundary.

RE & P.S.H.E

In **RE** the children will be considering the key question, 'How should we live our lives?' and linking this to Sikhism.
In **PSHE** the children will be looking at how we treat others with respect.

Homework

- **Spellings:** Will be accessible on Spelling Shed every Monday. Test is on a Monday too.
- **Times tables:** Tested every Thursday.
- **Reading:** The children should be reading every night and discussing their reading with an adult.